

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8263

S E C R E T BOGOTA 5095

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: CASC, ASEC, PINS, CO  
SUBJ: STARR KIDNAPPING: MEETING WITH VILLAMIL

REF: BOGOTA 5027

1. SORZANO MET WITH VILLAMIL AT HIS HOME EVENING OF MAY 30. VILLAMIL SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH MANCHOLA BY PHONE, THOUGH THEIR CONVERSATION WAS INHIBITED BY VILLAMIL'S ASSUMPTION THAT HIS TELEPHONE IS TAPPED BY THE GOC AUTHORITIES. MANCHOLA TOLD VILLAMIL THAT THE FARC HAD TOLD MANCHOLA THAT THEY WANT HIM TO "CONCLUDE THE BUSINESS". HE WAS, THEREFORE, GOING TO THE EL PATO AREA MAY 29 AND EXPECTED TO BE IN BOGOTA TOMORROW, JUNE 1, TO SEE VILLAMIL. VILLAMIL EXPLAINED TO SORZANO THAT BECAUSE OF HIS FEAR OF TELEPHONE TAPPING HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ASK MANCHOLA ABOUT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE FARC LETTER (BOGOTA 5009). PRESUMABLY, HOWEVER MANCHOLA WILL BE ABLE TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER WHEN HE COMES TO BOGOTA.

2. VILLAMIL TOLD SORZANO THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS CONCEIVABLE THAT THE FARC MIGHT ASK FOR MONEY. ON BALANCE, HOWEVER, HE CONTINUED TO BELIEVE THAT THE LATEST LETTER WAS A FABRICATION. VILLAMIL ALSO

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INDICATED TO SORZANO THAT HE BELIEVES THE EMBASSY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RELEASE OF GUARACAS.  
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